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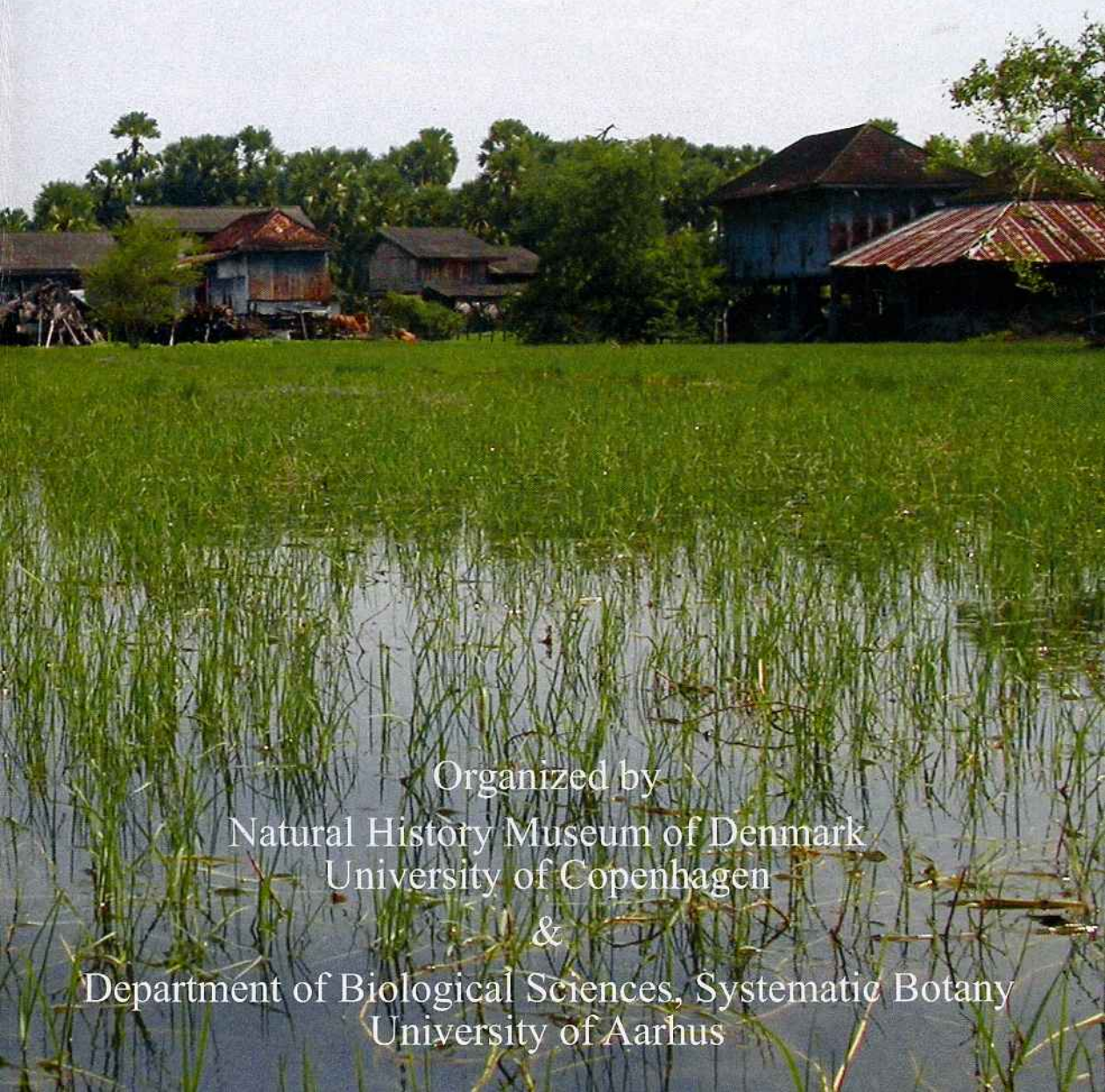
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The five known species of *Cryptocoryne* from Thailand are usually easily distinguishable. They are generally found in different habitats in different river systems. However, in Peninsular Thailand, some species may inhabit the same streams and rivers, but then usually in different niches created by different water levels.

Cryptocoryne reproduces by seeds, but the extension of the populations may to a considerable extent be dependant upon vegetative reproduction by subterranean, far creeping rhizomes/stolons. Recent information from Thailand and surrounding countries point to the occurrence of the widespread and very variable *C. crispatula* Engl. (five varieties) inhabiting river systems to a much greater extent than previously recognized, e.g. in the whole Mekong river system, where a number of different forms occur.

In Peninsular Thailand the distribution of the polyploid populations (*C. siamensis* Gegnep.) of the otherwise diploid Malaysian *C. cordata* Griff. is now well known.

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